

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

An exam is helpful but should not be mandatory. That should be the option of the supplier.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I have known a number of people who have gone to specialists with no better results than I have had with mail order.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

No.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Definitely. I have had good results, six years of satisfaction at a price I could afford.

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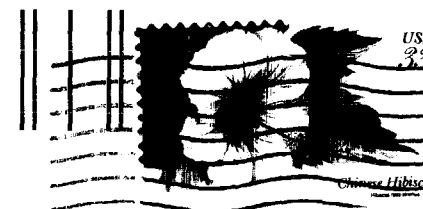
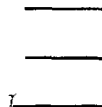
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